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Level 0 – 3rd November, 2022

Bees like playing with balls, study finds

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Please try Levels 1, 2 and 3. They are (a little) harder.

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THE READING

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We know the saying "as busy as a bee," but we don't know how bees play. Scientists found one way. They did tests on bees and found they liked playing with small balls. The bees played like humans. Young bees played with more balls than old bees. Adult males played with balls for longer than females did.

There were 45 bumblebees in the tests. They had two choices. One was to go straight to a sugary treat. The second was to get to the treat after going around small balls. Most of the bees played with the balls first. A researcher said bees have feelings. She added that the minds of insects are more advanced than we thought.

Sources: <https://www.theguardian.com/science/2022/oct/27/bumblebees-playing-wooden-balls-bees-study>
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PHRASE MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|-------------------------|---------------------|
| 1. We know the | a. way |
| 2. as busy | b. humans |
| 3. we don't know how | c. saying |
| 4. Scientists found one | d. with small balls |
| 5. They did tests | e. bees play |
| 6. they liked playing | f. with more balls |
| 7. The bees played like | g. on bees |
| 8. Young bees played | h. as a bee |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|-------------------------------|-----------------------|
| 1. There were 45 bumblebees | a. feelings |
| 2. They | b. treat |
| 3. a sugary | c. we thought |
| 4. going | d. first |
| 5. bees played with the balls | e. in the tests |
| 6. bees have | f. insects |
| 7. the minds of | g. had two choices |
| 8. more advanced than | h. around small balls |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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We know the saying "as busy (1) _____," but we don't know (2) _____. Scientists found one way. They (3) _____ bees and found they liked playing (4) _____. The bees played like humans. Young bees played with more balls (5) _____. Adult males played with balls (6) _____ females did.

There were 45 bumblebees (7) _____. They had two choices. One was (8) _____ to a sugary treat. The second was to get (9) _____ after going around small balls. Most of the bees (10) _____ balls first. A researcher said (11) _____. She added that the (12) _____ are more advanced than we thought.

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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BEES SURVEY

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Write five GOOD questions about bees in the table. Do this in pairs. Each student must write the questions on his / her own paper.
When you have finished, interview other students. Write down their answers.

	STUDENT 1 _____	STUDENT 2 _____	STUDENT 3 _____
Q.1.			
Q.2.			
Q.3.			
Q.4.			
Q.5.			

- Now return to your original partner and share and talk about what you found out. Change partners often.
- Make mini-presentations to other groups on your findings.

WRITE QUESTIONS & ASK YOUR PARTNER(S)

Student A: Do not show these to your speaking partner(s).

a) _____

b) _____

c) _____

d) _____

e) _____

f) _____

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WRITE QUESTIONS & ASK YOUR PARTNER(S)

Student B: Do not show these to your speaking partner(s).

a) _____

b) _____

c) _____

d) _____

e) _____

f) _____

